

# House Study Bill 230 - Introduced

HOUSE FILE \_\_\_\_\_

BY (PROPOSED COMMITTEE ON  
WAYS AND MEANS BILL BY  
CHAIRPERSON SANDS)

## A BILL FOR

1 An Act establishing a property tax exemption for fairgrounds  
2 owned by a county or a fair and including applicability  
3 provisions.  
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 427.1, Code 2013, is amended by adding  
2 the following new subsection:

3 NEW SUBSECTION. 39. *County fair property.* Fairgrounds, as  
4 defined in section 174.1, that are owned by a county or a fair,  
5 as defined in section 174.1. The use of such fairgrounds for  
6 purposes other than a fair event, as defined in section 174.1,  
7 by the owner or by a lessee, including uses for pecuniary  
8 profit, shall not affect the exemption.

9 Sec. 2. IMPLEMENTATION OF ACT. Section 25B.7 does not apply  
10 to the property tax exemption established in this Act.

11 Sec. 3. APPLICABILITY. This Act applies to assessment years  
12 beginning on or after January 1, 2014.

13 EXPLANATION

14 This bill establishes a property tax exemption for  
15 fairgrounds that are owned by a county or a fair. The bill  
16 provides that the use of such fairgrounds for purposes other  
17 than a fair event by the owner or by a lessee, including uses  
18 for pecuniary profit, shall not affect the exemption. The bill  
19 references the definitions in the Code chapter 174 for the  
20 terms "fairgrounds", "fair", and "fair event".

21 Code section 25B.7 provides that for a property tax credit  
22 or exemption enacted on or after January 1, 1997, if a state  
23 appropriation made to fund the credit or exemption is not  
24 sufficient to fully fund the credit or exemption, the political  
25 subdivision shall be required to extend to the taxpayer only  
26 that portion of the credit or exemption estimated by the  
27 department of revenue to be funded by the state appropriation.

28 The bill provides that Code section 25B.7 does not apply to  
29 the property tax exemption created in the bill.

30 The bill applies to assessment years beginning on or after  
31 January 1, 2014.